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MR. BROWN: William Peterson.

1... MR. PETERSON: I've been around nuclear a long time. I'm the engineer behind the Pigeon Spur fuel storage facility in Box Elder County, all three of us. I'm the only one that's on the railroad. There's two of us that have applications in to NRC, the Private Fuel Storage and myself.

I think there's a lot of value in what I'm doing. I don't have a following like this that's opposing me. I don't have people against what I'm doing. I don't have Indians against what I'm doing. It's a great opportunity. I think it's a great thing we have a chance to get here together and talk about these things and reminisce a little bit.

Like I say, I go back a long time. When I was a student I worked on installing Gary's nuclear reactor. I moved the vitro uranium tailings. I moved 36 million tons of waste. Virtually everything that goes up INEL goes through my equipment. And when I was -- I've also spent time --

MR. BROWN: Can you slow down just a little bit for the court reporter?

1 cont. MR. PETERSON: Okay. I've also spent time building delivery systems for atomic bombs. I've tried to revive a powder coal engine. I've done liquefaction of coal. There is a lot of things we've tried as far as energy. And I'm going to tell you, this nuclear's got to happen. It's our only alternative. Our nation needs revival. Our nation needs -- our state needs a feeling of let's do this like they do the Olympics. It's a safer thing we're doing. It's a much more wonderful thing we're doing. We're not going to improve a lot of lives by bringing the Olympics here, but if we could do this, we could improve a lot of lives. And we've got to do this.

As far as the safety issues brought up, I've got advantage over here. The business is on the old railroad. It's only one sixth the exposure getting to there as it is going through down in Wasatch Front and going to the Private Fuel Storage or Yucca Mountain.

There's significant advantages to what I'm proposing to do, and it ought to be looked at. And it's a great opportunity to bring these things out. I'm grateful to have a chance to work on it, and I'm hoping you'll keep looking at this thing, but I'm also hoping you'll take a close look at my alternative and seriously consider it, because one issue has been brought to me is reprocessing.

People of my INEL company says, Bill, we need

to do reprocessing at this time. There's a lot of fear in the world about plutonium, but we don't have -- we shouldn't be fearing what we have as much as what's going outside in the world. We've got to cooperate with Russia, we've got to cooperate with the rest of the world, and we've got to come forth with a united front and do this and do this right. And it shouldn't keep stalling.

You need to keep with the scientists. We scientists, we know what you're doing. You're getting a lot of politics into this thing, you're getting a lot of fears into it, and there's a lot of things you're bringing into it that you don't understand.

Nuclear is a hard issue. Nuclear is something that has scared people for a long time because it's been kept from the knowledge of people. And I'm a downwinder and there is reasons to be scared to death, but this is not a downwind problem. The biggest hazard is transportation. Transportation, what I'm doing has got that. I'm working on every little detail I can to make this as safe as possible, and consequently people I'm working with are not afraid of it. And I suggest you take a closer look at what I'm doing.

I appreciate this opportunity, and I hope to see some spirit about this thing because it's a great opportunity and it's going to be the great thing to save our environment. And if you don't think it needs it, take a look at what's going on. Go out there tomorrow and look at the sunshine. That shouldn't be like it is out there. And start listening and seeing what's going on. We've got to do something to turn this greenhouse thing around. It's the only way we're going to do it is with nuclear energy. And I can go into it in great detail, but I won't take any more time. And I thank you for this opportunity.